

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-19, 21-23 and 26-34 are pending in the captioned application while claims 16 and 21 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicants hereby cancel claims 16, 26, 27, 30 and amend claims 17 and 31. Applicants submit that in view of the amendments, claims 17-19, 21-23, 28-29 and 31-34 are allowable.

Claims 17, 31 and 32 stand objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have amended claim 17 to include the limitation of claim 27. All the other claims depend directly or indirectly on claim 17. Thus claims 17-19, 21-23, 28-29 and 31-34 are now allowable.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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